Lovely Strange Dark
ULTRABAROQUE DEPROGRAMMER
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CHAPTER 10
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HERE IT COMES.

Fwsh
Slump
Calavera! I've got him under deep hypnosis.
Flare
I'M ENTERING NOBIRU'S MINDSCAPE NOW.
Creak
Creak
Tug

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RUSH
...THIS IS IT...?

Slide
OH, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
NO MEMORIES.
EVEN IF NOBIRU HAS NO MEMORIES, THEN THE FACT THAT HE HAS NONE SHOULD ITSELF BE TURNED INTO A PSI MOVIE.
IT'S STARK WHITE — AND THIS ISN'T SAND...
IS IT PLASTIC...? IT'S LIKE I CAN'T FEEL IT.
What's wrong, Calavera?
IS THIS...?
THE LATE DAVID JONES WAS PRESIDENT OF THE PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR COMPANY "REAL LIFE".
THE COMPANY EXPERIENCED EXPLOSIVE TV AND ONLINE MEMBERSHIP GROWTH.
THE CAUSE OF DEATH HAS STILL NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED
AND ITS CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSETS ARE ESTIMATED TO BE NEAR THOSE OF EUROPE'S LARGEST SEMINAR COMPANY, "PSYCHIC WORK".
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Moybe it was too soon to try deprogramming again.
Y-You mean it's my fault!?
Not just you. All of us."
LISTEN,
TRY SENDING YOUR CENTER OF GRAVITY THIS WAY
?
Which woy is "this way"?
Not your physical body. I meon your mind.
Walk

Pop
!!
I WANT YOU TO SEE JUST HOW IRREGULAR THIS PLACE IS.
TAKE A LOOK AND THEN HEAD BACK. HAVING YOU AROUND IS ANNOYING.
THERE'S NOTHING
Push
WAIT,
THIS FEELS SO WEIRD!
WHERE AM I!?
WHOA! WHAT'S WITH THIS HALF!? THAT POP? I DIVED!?

It's the first time I've seen one like it.
A mindscape like that should be impossible...!
That's ridiculous!
He's not a machine!
This is like
Nobiru no longer has a mind!
SO REALLY,
AND THE USUAL PROCEDURE IS TO FIRST DO A THOROUGH CHECK OF THAT MATERIAL BEFORE DIVING IN.
THEIR EXPERIENCES AND MEMORIES ARE THE MATERIAL FOR THE PSI MOVIE,
FOR THOSE, THE SUBJECT MAINLY BORROWED THEMES FROM MOVIES AND BOOKS THEY KNEW.
I'VE BEEN TO PSI MOVIES SET IN OUTER SPACE AND PARALLEL UNIVERSES.
WITH THIS UNFORMED MIND-SCAPE?
WHAT'S GOING ON

KEEP YOUR TASTELESS SUGGESTIONS TO YOURSELF.
Tatehara pulled outra boat and grenade... Wouldn't making a bike or car be faster?
Hey, that's way old-school. You construct things with your will, right?
ANYWAY, I'LL GIVE IT A GO.
I'm pretty sure you and I have different tastes!
When you intrude on a mind, it creates mental defenders.
It's after that happens
I can't do anything with this.
that we can start depro-gramming.
It has to be some-where...
Within Nobiru's mind,
there should be a wound or fissure—

He got a kick out of watching me dance.
When a system is washed, there should always be something left behind.
HE IS LIKELY WASHED.
I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING.
BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A TECHNIQUE THAT WOULD WASH SOMEONE THIS STARK WHITE.
And I find it hard to believe that even Nobiru's emotions are gone.
THAT WOULD MEAN IT'S NOT STARK WHITE.
CALAVERA, RETURN!
I'M SURE THAT HE'S DEEP UNDER HYPNOSIS,
BE ON GUARD.
THE SUBJECT IS LIKELY BRAIN-WASHED
UH...
THUD
BUT HE'S NOT REACTING TO ANYTHING I'M SAYING. JUST WHAT...
LOMP

Gah
Burst
!!
Boom
Run
Wh!?
Calavera!
!?
What happened!? It just started crumbling...
Fwoosh

EVACUATE! THIS ATTACK ISN'T FROM THE PSI MOVIE. IT'S LIKELY AN EXTERNAL VOICE INPUT. YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO LISTEN TO IT.
EVACUATE! A SECOND WAVE IS COMING.
SOUND WAVES...?
...CAN'T BE...!
EXTERNAL SOUND—
DON'T TELL ME...
It's him...!
Is he really hypnotized ...!?
He started singing during the deprogramming ——!
blink

Gobble
THIS IS... REALLY...
BAD...
Rustle
! I can't feel my legs...!
Thud

DII! SORRY, BUT LET'S HEAD BACK!
EVACUATE
!
My will is crumbling ...!
This is just like back then.
The same as back when the deprogrammer was crashed .....!
DEPRO-GRAMMER!
There's no way we can take on this mindscape in our current state—— !
Can you hear me!?
Stop the song!

We're done for if it triggers a personality meltdown!
Please! You have to get it together!
Aaa
Aaa
Slide
Aaa
Depro-grammer!

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THERE YOU ARE
YOUR HUNCH WAS RIGHT ON THE MARK SAVES US THE TIME OF FINDING HIM.

TALK TO ME, DEPRO-GRAMMER!
Nobiru's song... feels... good...
...YEAHHH...
DEPRO-GRAMMER!